

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 15, 2000 indicated that the reply filed June 7, 2000 was not fully responsive due to various minor errors and omissions. The minor errors in Claims 33 and 34 have been corrected. Claim 40 is to be canceled. Claim 41 remains pending and is further amended above. Accordingly, these supplemental amendments complete the deficiencies of the reply filed on June 7, 2000. Accordingly, a complete response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2000 has been perfected. Reconsideration of the claims and an early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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